



Harding University Scholar Works at Harding

Wyatt Sawyer Sermon Outlines

Wyatt Sawyer Archive

4-27-1978

I, Me, My!

Wyatt Sawyer

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/wyatt-sawyer-sermons>

Recommended Citation

Sawyer, W. (1978). I, Me, My!. Retrieved from <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/wyatt-sawyer-sermons/1207>

This Sermon is brought to you for free and open access by the Wyatt Sawyer Archive at Scholar Works at Harding. It has been accepted for inclusion in Wyatt Sawyer Sermon Outlines by an authorized administrator of Scholar Works at Harding. For more information, please contact scholarworks@harding.edu.



HARDING
UNIVERSITY

I, ME, MY!

Church is only its mem

INT:

THE CHURCH is only as strong as its members./
Church can be weak: Num. 13:33. Grasshoppers.
Church can be strong: II Tim. 1:7. Power!!!
Three viewpoints involved: I. Me and My.
(Sounds self-centered, egotistic! Not.)

I. MY ATTITUDE TOWARD "I": FIRST, CREATES
HOMEOSTASIS (or a level-view of self.) Needed.
SELF-RESPECT.

A. Three questions:

1. Are you saved? Right now! Sure of it?
2. Are you obedient to God's will? Now? "
3. Are you right with God? Now? Sure? "

Note: Unless you can say YES to all of
these, you are not as strong as you
ought to be!

B. Paul said YES to all these and was STRONG!
(Human, had weak moments, needed help.)

1. OBEDIENT: *Acts 26:15-22. Cleansed.....
2. RIGHT : *Acts 26:23-27. Strengthened.
3. SAVED : *Acts 26:28-29. Bold.....

C. TRUE Christians are STRONG because: 1. They
know they are right. 2. Know God helps them

II. "ME"-SECOND-ATTITUDE: CREATES GOODWILL and
INNER STRENGTH. (Makes the church strong!)

A. Taught in 2nd Commandment. Matt. 22:39.

B. Practiced by Paul. *Rom. 12:9-11.

C. Urged upon the Philipians *Phil. 2:1-5.

not Vertical! ← Ill. Abraham & Lot. Gen. 13:8-11. Wrong!

But Horizontal! Head & back. Ill. Romney, the artist: left his wife in
the British Isles for London & fame and
fortune. Gone 30 yrs. Wife MADE vows, kept
same. Waited! He returned; body diseased-ridden
and broken. She freely forgave! Nursed him
tenderly until he died. Wrong! Unfair!

Edward Fitzgerald: "TO GOD, this wife's
quiet-service was worth more than all the
famous pictures Romney ever painted."
(Hallock, p. 271.) SHE had character. She
kept her vows. She was strong. She OBEYED
God! Her Me-second-attitude has endeared her
to the world! Recorded in Heaven!!! STRONG!!!

Ill. Jimmy Stewart forgiven. Hope is great. Daniel!

I-first! Important! Me-second! Goodwill!

III. MY-THINGS-THIRD! Proper attitude toward things makes strong Christians & great churches. Use!

A. Matt. 6:33. Kingdom first, you second and things third!

111. H.J. Heinz' desk motto: God first.
Me second. Pickles third! 1869.

1. QUESTION: What check do you write
1st weekly or monthly? House? Car?
Gro? Utility? KINGDOM OF GOD! MATT 6:21.

2. QUESTION: When a conflict with GOD'S
WORSHIP & STUDY SERVICES arises, what
choice do you make? Company? Exciting
t.v. program? Ball game? Vacation?

How will the WORLD ever get the idea

that the church is the most important INVESTMENT
God has on earth, if Christians Ignore it, abandon
it and neglect it for THINGS. 111. Do Christians

need models? #1 Sandy Kofax-baseball pitcher. Refused
to pitch on the SABBATH-Saturday. World's best! or
Henry Marsh, mormon, refused to run on Sunday in '78
Texas Relays. Took strength. Guts. Boldness. Had them

3. QUESTION: In what Way or Ways are
Christians DISTINCTIVE from the world around us?

B. The Answer:

1. They hold to the simple divine Plan of
Salvation found in the N. T.

John 8:24. Luke 13:3. M. 10:32. A.22:16

Use every means possible to tell others

2. They worship EXACTLY as the N.T. teaches
Sing (only), pray, observes L. Supper,
give liberally, study scriptures.

Use every means possible to tell others

2. They live the cleanest LIFE possible:
Matt. 5:16. Free of alcohol, nicotine,
drugs, illicit-sex, foul speech,
pornography and such like.

INV: CLOSE: Tale of two Attitudes.

#1. Submissive, self-less & subservient: Jesus!

Apostles, early Christians: Loved, honored, TODAY!

#2. Selfish, carnal & sinful: Judas-suicide.

Pilate-banished. Annas-beat to death. Caiphas-
deposed in disgrace. Herod-died in exiled infamy.

LESSON: LOVE & SACRIFICE, THE ULTIMATE POWER!!!!

You are invited to make the right choice!

MT
4-30-78
AM
2R